

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-42 and 44, 46 and 47 are pending in the application, claim 45 having been canceled above. The allowance of claims 1-3, 6-34, 40-42, 44, 46 and 47 and the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 39 and 45 are noted with appreciation.

By the foregoing amendments, claim 39 has been rewritten in independent form and the features of canceled claim 45 have been incorporated (with modified wording) into independent claim 35.

A new oath or declaration has been requested, as the citizenship for each of the inventors was not set forth on the originally filed declaration. Accordingly, attached are Declarations with citizenship for inventors Steinberg, Sherrer and Jeantilus. As discussed with the Examiner on July 30, 2004, the citizenship for inventor Dautartas was properly set forth in the originally filed Declaration.

Turning now to the rejections, claims 35-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Tamura* (Document No. JP 11305151). This rejection has been obviated by the foregoing amendments. As discussed above, the features of claim 45, which was objected to, have been incorporated into claim 35. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan D. Baskin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" being more prominent than the last name "Baskin".

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